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OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT

USDA Forest Service, Ashley National Forest, Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District, Duchesne County, Utah. High Uintas Wilderness Colorado River Cutthroat Trout Habitat Enhancement Project.

The High Uintas Wilderness Colorado River Cutthroat Trout Habitat Enhancement FEIS and Draft Decision have been completed and were mailed out on July 23, 2019 to those who have previously requested to be included on the project mailing list or have submitted specific written comments related to the project. The High Uintas Wilderness Colorado River Cutthroat Trout Habitat Enhancement project proposes to implement over a 10 – 15 year period the treatment of selected lakes and streams within the High Uintas Wilderness with piscicide (rotenone) to remove competing and hybridizing nonnative trout species. The proposed project area encompasses three drainages within the High Uintas Wilderness, including the Yellowstone River, Lake Fork River and Rock Creek drainages, on the Duchesne Ranger District of the Ashley National Forest. The Responsible Official who will issue a decision on this project is Regional Forester, Nora Rasure. A copy of the FEIS and additional information regarding this proposed project can be obtained from: Ron Brunson by E-mail: ronald.brunson@usda.gov or phone: (435) 781-5202.

This project is subject to a pre-decisional administrative review process, also known as an objection process (36 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 218, Subparts A and B).

Eligibility to File Objections

Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project either during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with § 218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific, written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after designated opportunities.

Individual members of organizations must have submitted their own comments to meet the requirements of eligibility as an individual. Objections received on behalf of an organization are considered as those of the organization only. If an objection is submitted on behalf of a number of individuals or organizations, each individual or organization listed must meet the eligibility requirement of having previously submitted comments on the project (§ 218.7). Names and addresses of objectors will become part of the public record.

Contents of an Objection

Incorporation of documents by reference in the objection is permitted only as provided for at § 218.8(b). Minimum content requirements of an objection are identified in § 218.8(d) include:

Objector's name and address with a telephone number if available; with signature or other verification of authorship supplied upon request; Identification of the lead objector when multiple names are listed, along with verification upon request;

Name of project, name and title of the responsible official, national forest/ranger district where project is located, and

Sufficient narrative description of those aspects of the proposed project objected to, specific issues related to the project, how environmental law, regulation, or policy would be violated, and suggested remedies which would resolve the objection.

Statement demonstrating the connection between prior specific written comments on this project and the content of the objection, unless the objection issue arose after the designated opportunity(ies) for comment.

Filing an Objection

Written objections (mail, fax, email, hand-delivery) on this draft decision must be filed within 45 days (§218.32) of the publication date of the legal notice of opportunity to object in the Uinta Basin Standard. The actual publication date is the exclusive means to determine the timeframe). The reviewing officer is the chief of the Forest Service. Please send objections to:

Physical address (for UPS, FedEx, and hand deliveries)*:

USDA Forest Service

Attn: Objection Reviewing Officer

210 14th Street, SW EMC-PEEAR, Mailstop 1104 Washington, DC 20250

Or:

Regular mail:

USDA Forest Service

Attn: Objection Reviewing Officer 1400 Independence Ave., SW EMC-LEAP, Mailstop 1104 Washington, DC 20250

Or:

Phone**: 202-791-8488 Fax: 202-649-1172

Email: objections-chief@fs.fed.us

*Objections may be hand delivered to this address above between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays.

**The main phone line which can be used for carrier deliveries is 202-791-8488. That number is staffed during regular business hours. Electronic objections may be submitted in an email message or in a common attachment format such as .doc, .docx, .pdf, .txt, .rtf, or .html. Please include the project name in the subject line.

It is the responsibility of objectors to ensure their objection is received in a timely manner (§218.9).

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